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Sent to Mr. Willis  
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Dear Mr. Taylor,

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., I have no transcript of the shorthand notes of the evidence. I did not wish to incur additional expense. *If you like to have one I will obtain it for you.*

I quite agree with your remarks as to (a). As regards (b) the assault was committed by the stewards in running you out of the tent. There was no assault complained of, by the stewards placing his hand on your shoulder. That referred only to a request to you to leave, and the judge held that it was not a request. As regards (c) My recollection accords with yours in that you swore that the same stewards took you out of the tent, through the paddock to the Green.

It would be for us to serve a notice of appeal on these points. Such notice of appeal must be given expressly within 21 days from the hearing. I do not advise you to appeal as the judge has found certain facts against which there is no appeal.

I can only advise you as to your legal position and right of appeal, but the question as to your writing to the judge

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is a little outside my legal province, and I am afraid I must say nothing about that. Personally, I consider that you have been unjustly treated, in that you have been fined for asserting and vindicating your rights- in other words you have appealed to the law which has held you justified in your so doing, but has compelled you to pay for your action. At any rate, you have won in principle, and can do no more. To fight against prejudice is a hard task. What I always say is there is one law for Suffragists and another for the other people, just like in practice there is one law for the rich, and one for the poor.

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur S.W. Marshall*

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